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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
 TAMIYA et al.)
 Application Number: To Be Assigned)
 Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
 For: ABSORBANCE READING APPARATUS, ABSORBANCE)
 READING APPARATUS CONTROL METHOD, AND)
 ABSORBANCE CALCULATION)
 ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. HIRA.0205)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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 Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants have amended the claims in order to eliminate the multiple dependent claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: